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### S. Jersey Mayors Seek to Improve Stability of Del. River Levees

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Gloucester County, NJ mayors met Tuesday night with the Army Corps of Engineers. The topic was fragile levees along the Delaware River that could wreak havoc in two townships should they ever be breached.

The efforts are to ensure that what happened in New Orleans doesn't happen here.

It's a nine-mile network of levees in Logan and Greenwich Townships, where problems are long-standing and well known.

The Army can come in and repair them, if there's a "sponsor." Translation: someone to pay the bill, which could run upwards of \$30 million.

Gloucester County freeholder Steve Sweeney believes waiting is not an option:

"In 1999, we almost lost a levee. Since '99 to 2006, nothing but band-aids have been done to the levee."

He believes the state should pay for repairs on public land, with corporations held responsible for levees on commercial property.

Should the levees break, the Delaware River could run down to I-295, flooding several hundred homes and creating the potential for a major environmental problem.



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